GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:827
ANSWERED ON:29.02.2000
REVIEW OF NEW UREA PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of new/on going projects/joint ventures including Indo-Oman urea project for their execution during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the target fixed and achieved, cost escalation due to delays in implementation alongwith the present status of the projects; and

(d) the details of new projects kept pending for consideration?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) to(d): At present only two major urea projects are under implementation as per details and targetted date of completion given in the Annexure enclosed. Both these projects are scheduled for commissioning in May 2001 and as such, the question of cost escalation due to delay in implementation can be known only at a later date. Implementation of these projects is reviewed regularly by the Department of Fertilizers and monitored on a regular basis by the Department of Programme Implementation also. Indo Oman Urea Project has yet to reach the stage of execution. The following 4 major fertilizer projects posed for investment approval of the Government by PSUs/CooperativeSocieties have been given `in principle` approval by the Government subject to investment appraisal by the Public Investment Board (PIB):-

i) Expansion of Hazira plant of KRIBHCO in Gujarat.

ii) A new urea plant to be set up by KRIBHCO at the existing site of FCI's Gorakhpur Plant in Uttar Pradesh.

iii) Expansion of Thal Plant of RCF in Maharashtra.

iv) A grassroots urea plant to be set up by IFFCO at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh.

Investment appraisal of these projects has been undertaken by the PIBin its meeting held on 9.7.99. A proposal for taking a final investment decision on these proposals tasking into account observations of the PIB regarding the implications of subsidy outgo from the Government as well as the larger issue of food security of the country and the need for limited additions to indigenous capacity through phased implementation of these projects is being processed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.827 DATED 29.2.2000

DETAILS OF MAJOR UREA PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION IN THE COUNTRY

S.N.	Name of the proj,location and Company/ Cooperative	Estimated capital cost (Rs.crore)	Addl. Capcty Envisgd (in lakh MTPA)	Prodn Zero date	Scheduled date of commissioning	Cumulative Physical Progress as on 31.1.2000	
					Target(%)	Actual(%)	
1	Revamp of Namrup Plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC), Namrup,Assam	350.00	3.28	2.11.98	1.5.2001	59.60	49.90

2	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) (urea plant expansion project), Nangal, Punjab	135.13	1.48	11.5.99	11.5.2001	25.40	37.70